

St. Peter's Church



47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901
Parish Office: 570-724-3371 ~ Fax: 570-724-6322
Religious Education Office: 570-724-9789
Website: www.stpeterswellsboro.com

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9:00am–1:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski
Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net
Bookkeeper: Louise Wheaton – stpadm@ptd.net
Religious Education: Melissa Mann – stpreled@ptd.net
Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Rob Minnich

Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm (livestreamed); Sunday 8:30am

Reconciliation

Tuesday through Friday, 11:45am-12:00pm;
Saturday, 4:30-4:50pm; or by appointment

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13, 2023

Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of St. Peter's Church, are called to holiness by God as present-day disciples of Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united in service to God to share our faith with one another and our community. May our participation in the Holy Sacraments, our ministries and our devotion to Mary bring glory to God and His Kingdom.

Pregnancy Support

Catholic Social Services (800) 982-4310
Crisis Pregnancy Help line (888) 4-OPTIONS
Heart of Tioga County Pregnancy & Parent Support 570-948-2020

Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency, please call the rectory at 570-724-3371. If no answer, please leave a message. Fr. Jacek will return your call as soon as he is able.

Religious Education and Formation

Religious Education classes are held for Pre-K – 12th grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12th begins at 9:30am and concludes at 10:40am. To register, please contact the Religious Education Office at 570-724-9789 or the Rectory at 570-724-3371. Children's Liturgy (grades K-4th) is held during the 8:30am Mass when Religious Education classes are in session.

Welcome to St. Peter's Church!

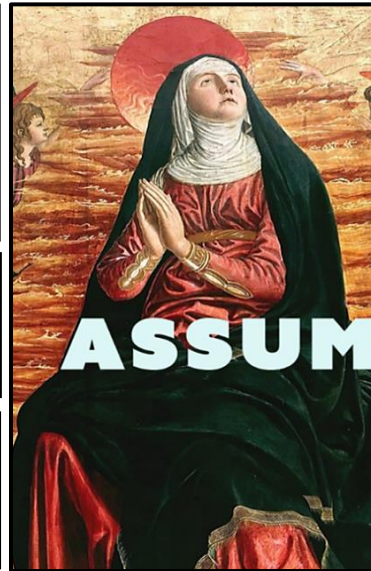
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



○ Most Blessed Mother,
heart of love,
heart of mercy,
ever listening,
caring, consoling,
hear our prayer.

Feast of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15th

Parish Contact Listing

Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570-948-2184
Social Concerns – Karen Plumley 570-439-0175
Parish Rummage Sale – Pat Gorda 570-404-8918
Diane Bill 516-458-9130
Church Decorations – Sue Singer 570-948-2184
Buildings & Grounds – Rick Joachim 570-439-2591
Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529
Dinner Committee – Karen Novak 570-982-5115
Music Ministry – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085
Samaritan House – Mary D. Grab 607-857-3447
Youth Group – Melissa Mann 570-724-9789
Eucharistic Adoration – Rhonda Gooch 570-724-3092
Finance Council – Tim Gooch – 570-971-5826
Parish Council – Steve Tokarz 570-404-0693
Worship Committee – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085
Prayer Chain – Kate Black 570-916-9573
ChristLife – Norb Josten 570-724-9095
Prayer Shawl Ministry - Michelle Sepiol 570-439-6206
Marian Ministries – Linda Sampson 570-404-2180
Fundraising Committee – Tim Gooch 570-971-5826
Welcoming Committee – Melissa Mann 570-724-9789

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 8/14	6:00pm	In Memory of Ruth A. Carson (Christina Fleury)
Tuesday 8/15	12:10pm	In Memory of Joseph Grab, Sr. (Grab Family)
Wednesday 8/16	12:10pm	In Memory of Norbert Josten, Sr. (Josten Family)
Thursday 8/17	12:10pm	In Memory of Paul Beuter, Sr. (Family)
Friday 8/18	No Mass	
Saturday 8/19	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 8/20	8:30am	Special Intention (Dennis & Linda Stager)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Paul Beuter (Ann Marie Beuter)

Tabernacle Flowers are in Memory of Stanley Yastrzemski, Sr. (Cecil F. and Diane Bill)

Church Hours/Adoration

The church will be open for private prayer, Monday through Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm. From 8:00-9:00am, the only entrance will be through the door on the main parking lot side. From 9:00am-5:00pm, the front door and carport entrance will be open. If for some reason the main door is not unlocked, please enter through the parking lot door, as this entrance will always be open from 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Saturday, the church will be open from 8:00am-4:30pm using only the parking lot door. The front and carport doors will be unlocked at 4:15pm for those attending Mass. All doors of the church will be unlocked on Sunday morning at 8:00am for those attending Mass. Adoration will take place on Tuesday from 1:00pm-6:00pm, with Benediction but no evening prayer.

Happening This Week

Monday, August 14th

Social Concerns Committee Meeting – 10:30am;
Parish Center
Samaritan House Meeting – 3:30pm; Samaritan House

Tuesday, August 15th

Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church

Sunday, August 20th

Coffee Social – following the 8:30am Mass;
Parish Center

Flower Arrangements

Parishioners are now able to purchase the flower arrangements that are placed at the altar, tabernacle, or by the Mary statue in memory or in honor of someone. The cost is as follows:

Altar Flower Arrangements–1 arrangement \$70, 2 arrangements \$140
Tabernacle Arrangements – 2 arrangements \$40
Mary Arrangement – 1 arrangement \$25

You may request a particular flower(s) or color scheme and Akiko's will do their best to honor that if at all possible. The Arrangements will arrive in time for the weekend Masses and remain for the following week. Please stop in or call the rectory for available dates. The Memorial/Honorarium will be listed in the bulletin.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for August 6, 2023: \$5,978.00
Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
Difference: -\$122.00
Year to Date Budget Variance - \$1,457.90

Up to date information for the month of July will be stated in an upcoming bulletin.

We are grateful to all those who are able to financially support our parish.

Parish Prayer List

To add a name to the bulletin prayer list, please contact the Parish Office at 570/724-3371. For privacy reasons, the person making the request must be an immediate family member. This would include a spouse, child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of the person to be added.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday, August 15th** for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Liturgical Reflection ~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Elijah takes shelter at Mount Horeb – also known as Mount Sinai – where he is to meet God. But this appearance of God is not like the first, when God made himself known to the Israelites in the fire, cloud, and trumpet blast. Elijah lets the wind, the earthquake, and the fire pass by. But when he hears “a tiny whispering sound” he covers his face in reverence, and goes to the mouth of the cave to encounter God, not in storm, but in stillness. People always flock to events that seem to have a miraculous tenor to them. We should be ready to recognize God’s presence in our everyday lives as much as we do in those tremendous events.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 85

Psalm 85 is one of the psalms associated with Advent, when we look to the coming of the Lord. It is the last part of a lamentation, which all end the same way: with a hymn of thanksgiving for the deliverance that the psalmist was sure the Lord would grant. That is why these verses are so exuberantly positive. Today, its praise of God, who speaks of peace, kindness, salvation, truth, and justice. All of these benefits would be showered upon those who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

St. Paul began life as a devout Jew, before his encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus changed everything for him. In this passage from Romans we can sense the anguish he feels that his fellow Jews have not accepted Christ. He would even trade his own hope of salvation for theirs! But God’s ways are mysterious: they are Israelites, the children of the promise, Paul says, and God does not go back on his promises to his people.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33



Jesus sends the disciples across the water and then spends some time in prayer. Late that night, he comes walking toward them in the midst of a storm. Peter confidently steps out on the water and begins walking toward Jesus, but soon is overwhelmed by doubt and fear. His only hope is to call out to Jesus to save him. His plea is the plea of the whole Church, asking that the Lord protect her against the torturing storms of life. In Jesus’

power over the water and the wind, the disciples recognize his divine power. Do we recognize God’s presence in the calm as well as in the storm? While our natural talents can get us so far (just as Peter’s natural impetuosity got him to leave the boat), ultimately we have to abandon ourselves in trust to the Lord. God does not call us to reject who we are, but he does call us to allow his grace to transform our hearts in his love.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

“The Church is synodal, communion, mutual assistance, and has a common journey. On the boat of the Church, there has to be room for everyone: all the baptized are called to get on board and to lower their nets, to get personally involved in the preaching of the Gospel.”

- Pope Francis

Join us for Coffee and Conversation!



There will be a Coffee Social after Mass on the following dates.
Please join us in the Parish Center.
All are welcome!

Saturday, August 12th – Hosted by the Dinner Committee
Sunday, August 20th – Hosted by the Sunday Music Ministry
Saturday, August 26th and Sunday, August 27th – Hosted by ChristLife

Mass Times for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Monday, August 14th
6:00pm – St. Peter's (Vigil)

Tuesday, August 15th
12:10pm – St. Peter's
6:00pm – St. Thomas

St. Peter's Polish Dinner

Friday, September 29th

4:30pm – 6:30pm or until sold out

Dine-in the Parish Center or take-out

Adults - \$15.00

Age 12 and under - \$5.00

Age 3 and under - Free

Pierogi Sauerkraut Kielbasa
Homemade Desserts
Halupki Hot Dogs Applesauce



Religious Education News

Religious Education classes for the 2023-24 year will begin on **Sunday, September 17th**.

Registration forms will be mailed to families within the next few weeks, and extra forms can be found in the box outside the Religious Education Office. For new students, please contact Melissa Mann, Director of Religious Education, at stpreled@ptd.net or 570/724-9789.



St. Peter's Fall Rummage Sale is scheduled for **Tuesday, Sept. 12th through Thursday, Sept. 14th**

Mark your calendar and collect your items for donation! Additional information including drop-off dates and sale times will be listed in next week's bulletin.



Fall Fest

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Knoxville Firemen's Field from 10:00am to 4:00pm

Chicken BBQ * Food * Games * Chinese Basket Raffle * and More!

Vendors Wanted for this Event

- \$20 Set Up Fee -

Bring your own chairs, tables, and canopy.

For more vendor information and to reserve your spot, call St. Thomas Parish Office at 814/258-5121.

Pilgrimage to St. Peter's Cathedral - August 5th, 2023



An hour of prayer, confessions, and the Vigil Mass of the Transfiguration bookended the St. Peter's Cathedral pilgrimage. Pilgrims enjoyed a five-star lunch at Cooper's, a relaxing trolley ride, a jazz concert at Steamtown, and ice cream at Hillside on the way home – it was a perfect day in Scranton!

Special thanks to Msgr. Dale Rupert for the cathedral tour, Fr. Jeff Tudgay for his warm welcome, our driver Tom Sampson, and our good friend, Carl Linscott, for the use of the Teen Center van.

Faith...Pass it on!

Children and teens, ages pre-school through grade 12, attend St. Peter's Religious Education Program to learn about Jesus and the Catholic Faith. We are in need of several catechists to join this important ministry. All necessary materials, teaching resources, and support will be provided. As a catechist, not only will you be nurturing the children of our parish, but you will also grow in your faith and deepen your own relationship with Jesus.

Classes begin in September and are held on Sunday following the 8:30am Mass. If you are willing to commit a few hours a week sharing your time, talent, and faith, or if you would like more information, contact Melissa Mann in the Religious Education Office at stpreled@ptd.net. The Diocese of Scranton is committed to the safety of our students. *All those who work with children in any capacity must have current clearances on file prior to beginning service.*


"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions." - Pope Francis

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Parish Prayer List

Trish Knowlton, Judy Nagel, Shirley Mekos Broughton, Donna Brennan, Mary Mekos, Jonathan Hardman, Stephen Hurd, Stephanie Hemighaus, Suzie Alexander, Syler Sullivan, Adrienne Gilbert, Bob Murphy, Sylvia Smith, Tom Mohr, Carol Weatherby, Carol Shine, Teresa Pavlock, Joann Black, Patricia Quattrone, Larry Jackson, Katie Seip, Lisa Jones, Renee Kennedy, Gay Furlong, Fran Rose, June Sherman, Kathy Smith, Tim Bogaczyk, Beth Valdez, Charles Barrett, Joe Engel, Darleen Kohler, Victoria Salerno, Paul Beuter, Cole Salerno, Mark Kilmer, Stephen Horvatch, Fr. Paul Mullen, Everett Dean Brown, Roberta Mahar, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Carolyn Tester, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniow, Ruth Russell, Anne Marie Beuter, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, Jacoby Aratari, Lou Kirby, Shannon Jones, Steve Ziemak, Cody Bowers, Carolyn Clark, Don Hayden, Lisa Neil-Keller, Ann Callahan, John Harling, Shawn Wheeler, John Wheeler, Kayleigh Johnson, Mary Clark, Ruth Braham, Richard and Valerie Tobin, Shirley Dixon, Lucy Whitney, Adele Young, Suzan Richar, Gloria Fermenic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Sammi Swinnich, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, Maureen Bailey, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, B.J. Butler, Christopher Moore, Jasmine Gordon, Kassie Nowak.

 Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Lord, this we know, no matter how difficult life may be at this time, we know you will not stop loving us and will always hold us in the palm of your hand. We are reaching to you, Lord, to hold us, comfort us, and heal us. Lord, this we know, you are faithful in your love for us today and forever. You are with us, and we are with you.
Amen.